

# FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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|--|---------|--|---|---|---|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *<br><b>Eldridge Barry J</b> |         | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><b>CLEVELAND CLIFFS INC [CLF]</b> |   | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) |   |
| (Last)   | (First) | (Middle)   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><b>01/10/2006</b>                   |   |   |
| 1100 SUPERIOR AVENUE, 15TH FLOOR                                     |         |  | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                                    |   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| (Street)   |         |  |   |   |   |
| CLEVELAND, OH 44114  |         |  |   |   |   |
| (City)   | (State) | (Zip)  | <b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b> |   |   |

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |     | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |            |          | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|-----|---|------------|----------|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D) | Price    |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/10/2006                           |  | A                              | (I) | 11.855  | A          | \$ 88.57 | 562.9925  | D  |   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |     | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D) |   |  |  |  |  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Eldridge Barry J<br>1100 SUPERIOR AVENUE<br>15TH FLOOR<br>CLEVELAND, OH 44114 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

|                                      |  |            |
|--------------------------------------|--|------------|
| Traci Forrester by Power of Attorney |  | 01/10/2006 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person      |  | Date       |

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Reflects number of Common Shares credited to the account of the Reporting Person in payment of the Reporting Person's meeting fees under the Cleveland-Cliffs Inc Nonemployee Directors Compensation Plan. Full shares earned in 2006 will be issued effective January 2, 2007.

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